

I don't think this is necessarily the way to do it and it does need more study, but I'm not going to take...well, I don't have any more time, for matter of fact, but I do want to work with Senator Wehrbein. I do want to work with the Legislature. I do want to try to reach a conclusion where the... the taxpayers in my corner of the state are not going to be stuck for the loss of these 40,000 dollars and I would just ask that the body trust the wisdom of Government Committee who has held the bill and give us a chance to see if we can come up with something that citizens on both sides of the river can live with and not just those from one side of the river, which is kind of what the bill is... that has been proposed would basically do.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just wanted to stand up for a brief moment and let you know that we had a long and intensive hearing on this bill and the committee could not come to a consensus to vote the bill out of committee and as you can hear, as you've heard from the... from Senator Wehrbein and Senator Vrtiska that you can't tax land twice and talking about the legal fees, I think those are the two big issue and hopefully by... as Senator Wehrbein said he will withdraw the proposal and we will look at it again next fall. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek, followed by Senators Stuhr and Wehrbein.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in support of what Senator Vrtiska just told everyone. I don't think this should come out of Government Committee and I think if we just hold on for awhile longer we can... I don't see the purpose of bringing it out. I imagine Senator Wehrbein wants to show that there's some kind of consensus to do something about this issue and, if that is the case, he has the commitment of all the individuals on the Government Committee, as far as I know, that we do want to do something about this. It's been an issue that has come to the Government Committee for the last three years that I've been on it and it's an issue that we're all very well aware of, that we've had extensive hearings on.